

282—15.18(272) Special education nurse.

15.18(1) *Authorization.* The holder of this authorization is authorized to serve as a special education nurse to pupils from birth to age 21 requiring special education (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).

The legalization for this support service personnel is through a statement of professional recognition (SPR) and not through teacher licensure.

15.18(2) *Program requirements.* An applicant must hold a baccalaureate degree in nursing or a master's degree in nursing.

15.18(3) *Other.* An applicant must:

- a.* Hold current licensure in the state of Iowa by the board of nursing.
- b.* Have two years' experience in public health nursing including service to schools or as a school nurse.

15.18(4) *Temporary authorization.* A professional registered nurse who does not meet the criteria set forth in subrule 15.18(3) must complete six semester credits of graduate or undergraduate coursework in special education within one school year after receiving temporary authorization.

15.18(5) *Procedure for acquiring a statement of professional recognition (SPR).*

a. The special education director (or designee) of the area education agency must submit a letter to the board of educational examiners to request that the SPR be issued.

b. An applicant must submit the following documents:

- (1) A copy of the license issued by the Iowa board of nursing.
- (2) An official transcript.
- (3) Verification of the requirements set forth in paragraph 15.18(3) "*b.*"

c. A temporary SPR will then be issued for one school year. An approved human relations course must be completed before the start of the next school year.